

## **VIA E-Mail and First-Class Mail**

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## Re: Complaint against the State of Delaware and Red Clay Consolidated School District

To Whom it May Concern,

Enclosed please find our complaint alleging systemic discrimination against African American and Hispanic students and students with disabilities stemming from Delaware's Charter School law. As detailed in our complaint, the discriminatory admissions preferences and practices of Delaware charter schools permitted by the state and Red Clay Consolidated School District have had a disproportionate negative impact on these disadvantaged groups. As Delaware prepares to open seven additional charter schools in August 2015, we hope that the Department of Education takes seriously the civil rights implications of this rapid expansion.

We appreciate your attention to this important matter.

With regards,

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